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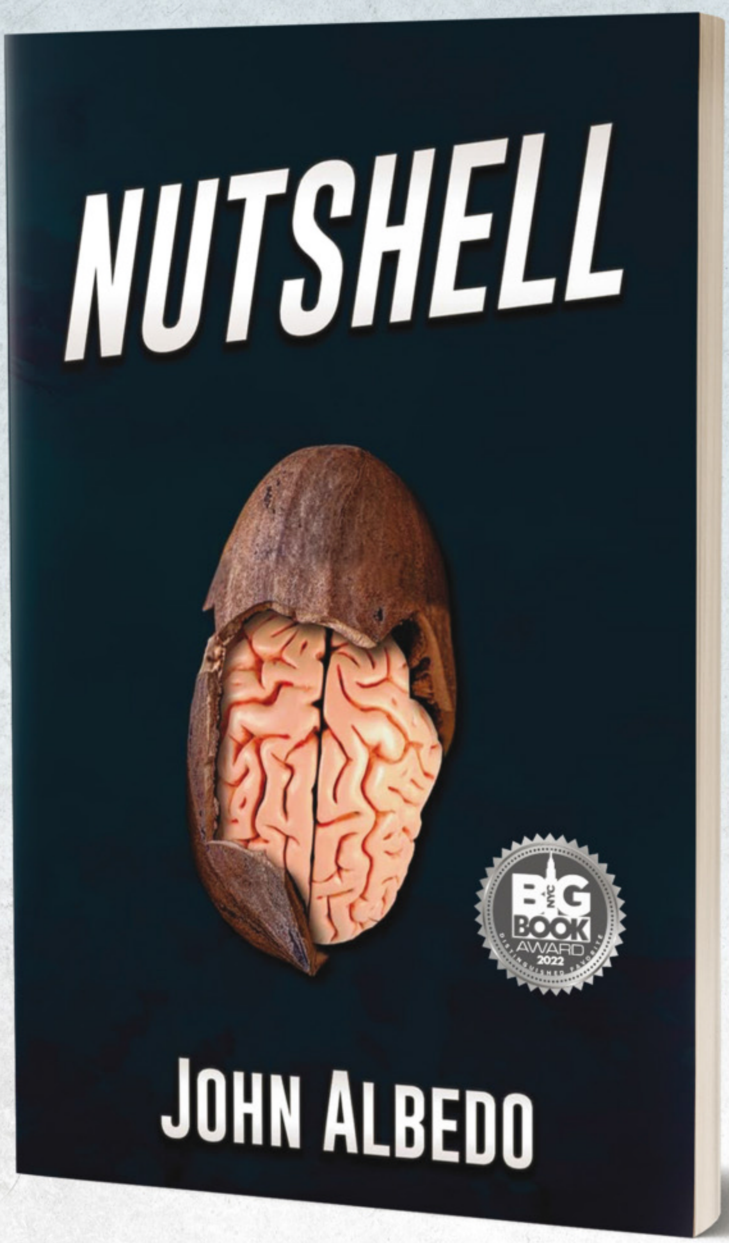

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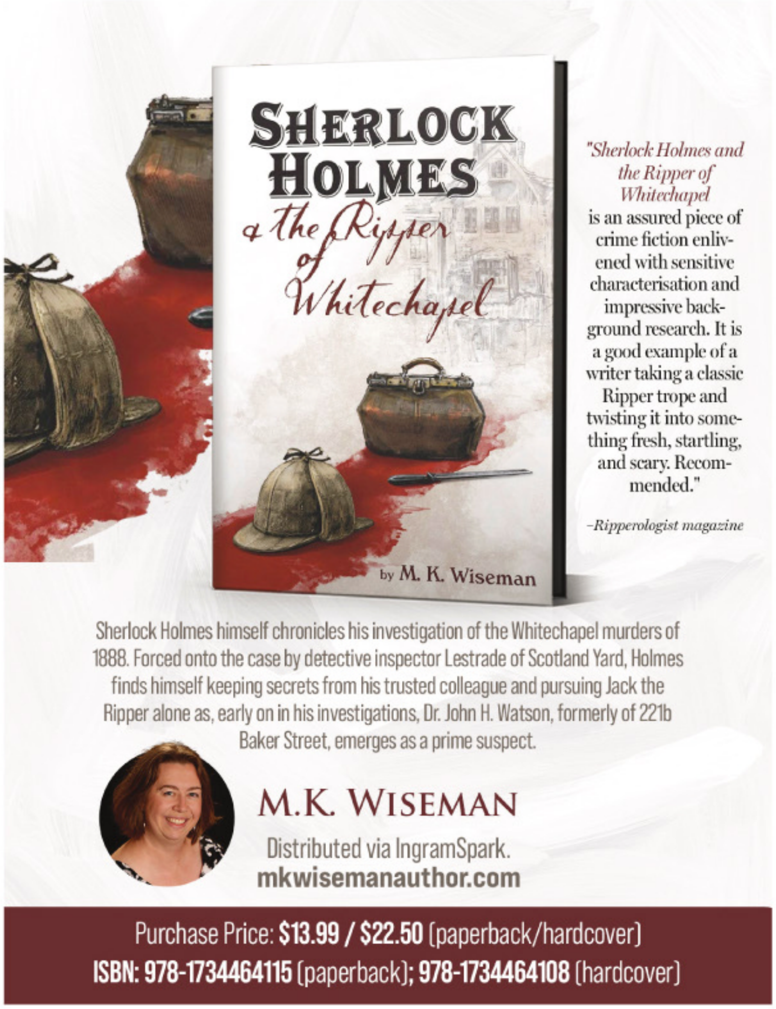

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We've taken to the streets. Booksellers from across the country tell us useful tips in planning your trip to their stores. They share what they appreciate about their customers, why they love independently published books, and what their greatest challenges and opportunities are.

Bookstores are alive and well as we noted in our last issue. Independents and chains are planning for a successful 2023. Barnes & Noble is opening 30 stores to their already 600 stores in the U.S. For perspective, B&N at its height had 726 locations in 2008. Ironically, the new stores are to be designed more like independent bookstores, which encourage customers to hang out and enjoy the space.

As we find ourselves in this "messy middle" of online verses brick and mortar shopping, there is even a greater need to discover new books and authors. I hope the magazine provides another great way to easily explore and find one's next great read!

Ted Olczak
Publisher

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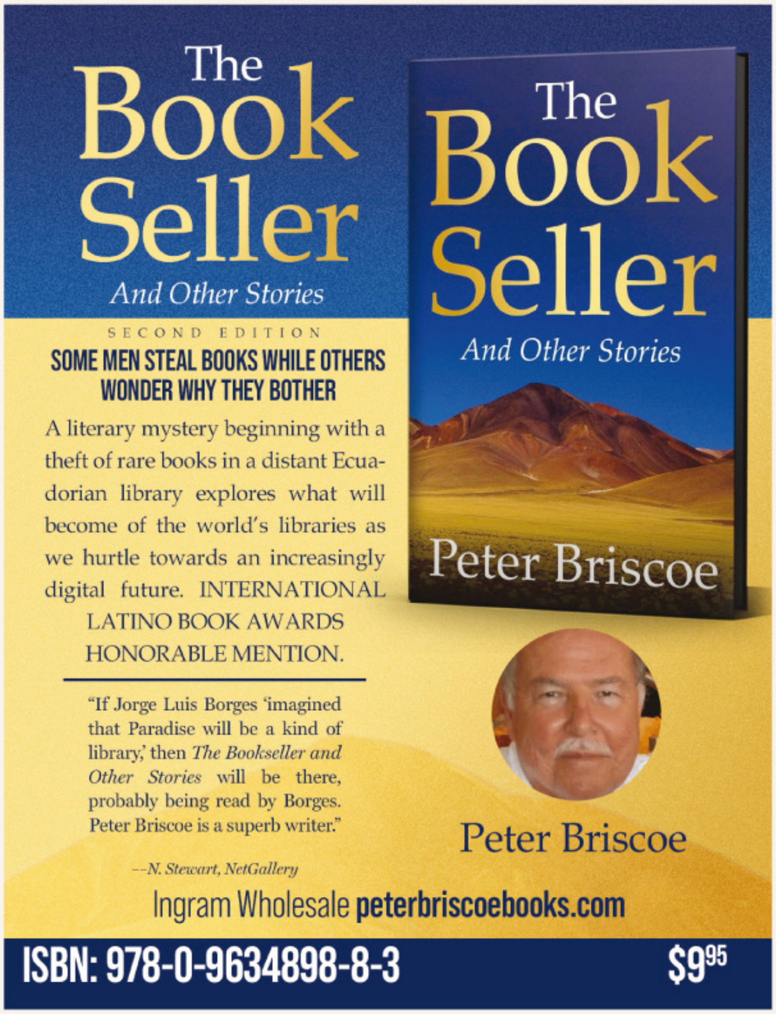

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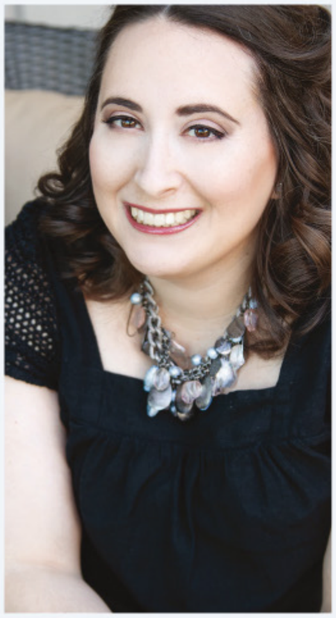

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A great romantic mystery. The suspense starts right from the beginning and the thrills never stop coming.

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Excellent character development brings Abby and Dave to life. I wanted to whisper advice to them (or kick Dave in the butt) to get them to resolve their romantic misunderstanding. I can imagine the protagonists and supporting characters in the real world sitting in front of me, and I can feel their emotions. .

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2022 NYC Big Book Award:

with Craig M. Porter Rollins

Craig M. Porter Rollins is the author of ***Pablo the Plate Painter of Mazatlan***, winner of the 2022 New York City Big Book Award for children's fiction. Craig is a former CEO in Financial Securities. He serves on the National Advisory Council for the Woodbury School of Business at Utah Valley University, where he was responsible for creating the financial planning bachelor's program. Though unofficially retired, Craig continues to lecture and consult in different facets of investing and business. An entrepreneur at heart, Craig has focused on writing stories that inspire and encourage children to pursue their dreams. Pablo is his debut children's book. Craig grew up in rural Kentucky and now lives in Hawaii.

Pablo the Plate Painter of Mazatlan, is about a young boy whose favorite class in primary school was art. He began to draw everything around him and his daily life in his small town of Mazatlan on the west coast of Mexico. His mom recognized his talent and introduced him to a local painter who became a mentor. During the process Pablo learns many valuable lessons in art and in life.

Gabby: What inspired you to write Pablo?

Craig: On a trip to Mazatlan, Mexico, I met the man who was the impetus behind the character Pablo. I was so enthralled by the fact that he had started literally from nothing and now had a very good business. He just loved to paint, and he loved to express, and he loved to capture people's memories. The whole story is based on true events.

Gabby: What is the most important message you want to convey with Pablo?

Craig: The fact that that knowledge is important. Seeking knowledge is important. Hard work is important and that being respectful of your elders, being respectful of your teachers is important. The importance of mentoring, the importance of finding someone that can guide you through your career path or guide you through your lesson work or school work or whatever it may be.

You can accomplish anything if you're willing to put in the time and effort and practice, which is the one thing I think the book really shows: that it takes time and practice to become good at anything.

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BY AMY RIVERS

In this sequel to Complicit, Kate and Tilly struggle with fear and self-doubt while the lives of the victims they are helping hang in the balance. Will Kate's determination to identify members of a human trafficking operation put more young women in danger? Will Tilly survive her reckless pursuit of justice?

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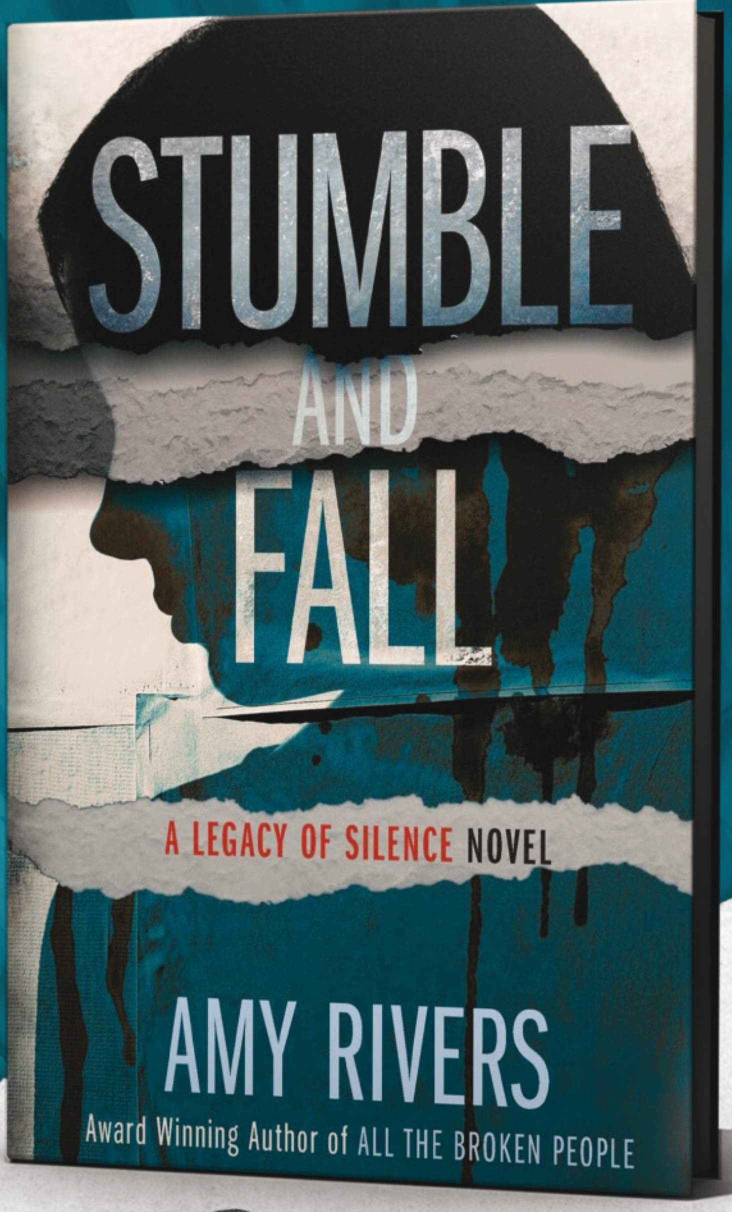
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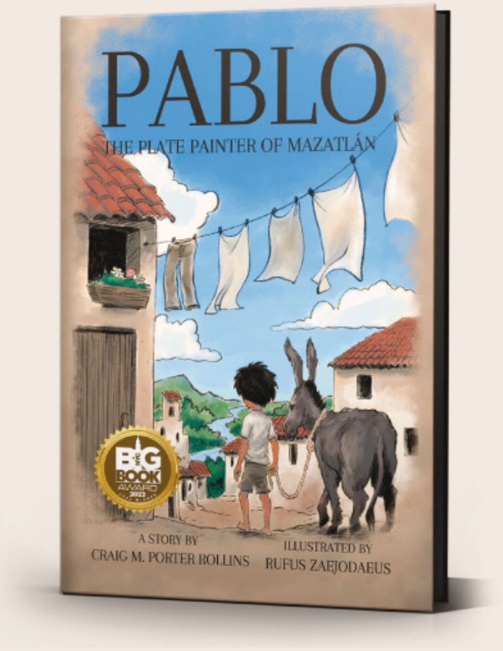
Gabby: What are some of the lessons to be learned from Pablo?

Craig: These are all considered boring things nowadays, but they're at the heart of every successful person I've ever met. Time, effort, patience, respect, hard work. Pablo and other books that I'm working on now are going to have that same kind of thread woven through the storyline where it's it's about sticking to your guns and believing in yourself and finding those who will help you achieve your dreams and then basically paying that back because none of us got to where we are without the help of other people.



Gabby: How do you define success?

Craig: Success is a very personal thing. You can't look at what the world says is success, because if you do, you're like a dog chasing his tail because success is a moving target. I think success is really when you achieve your goals, whatever that is. If you start viewing success as what you think is important to you, you'll be far more successful.

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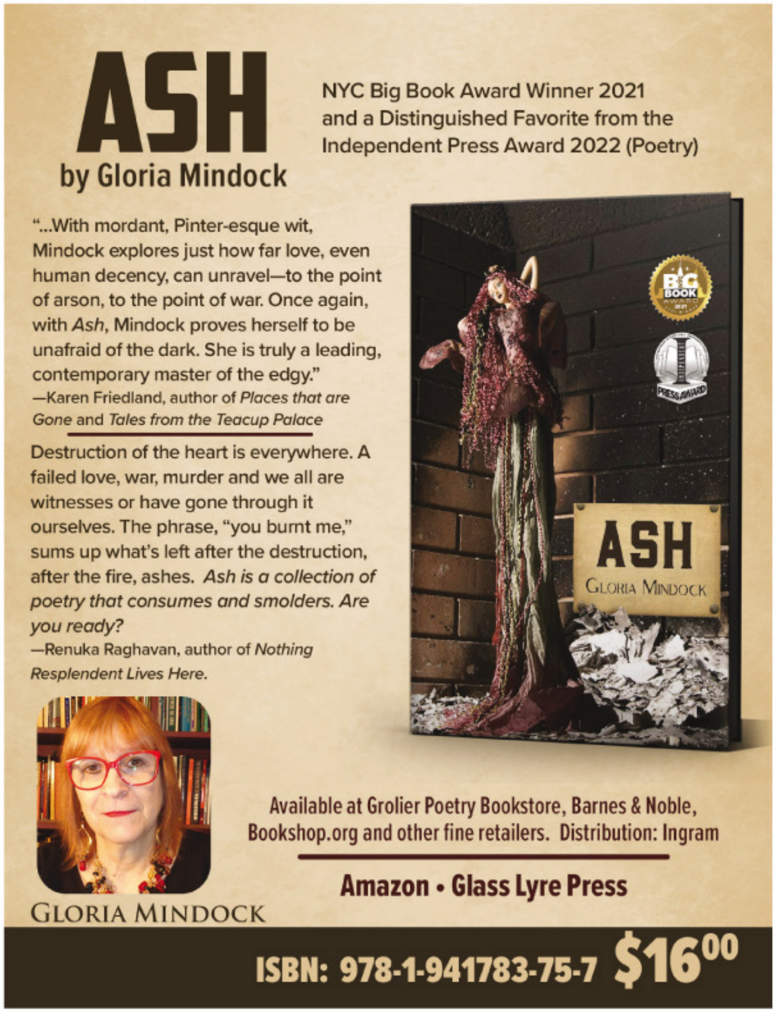
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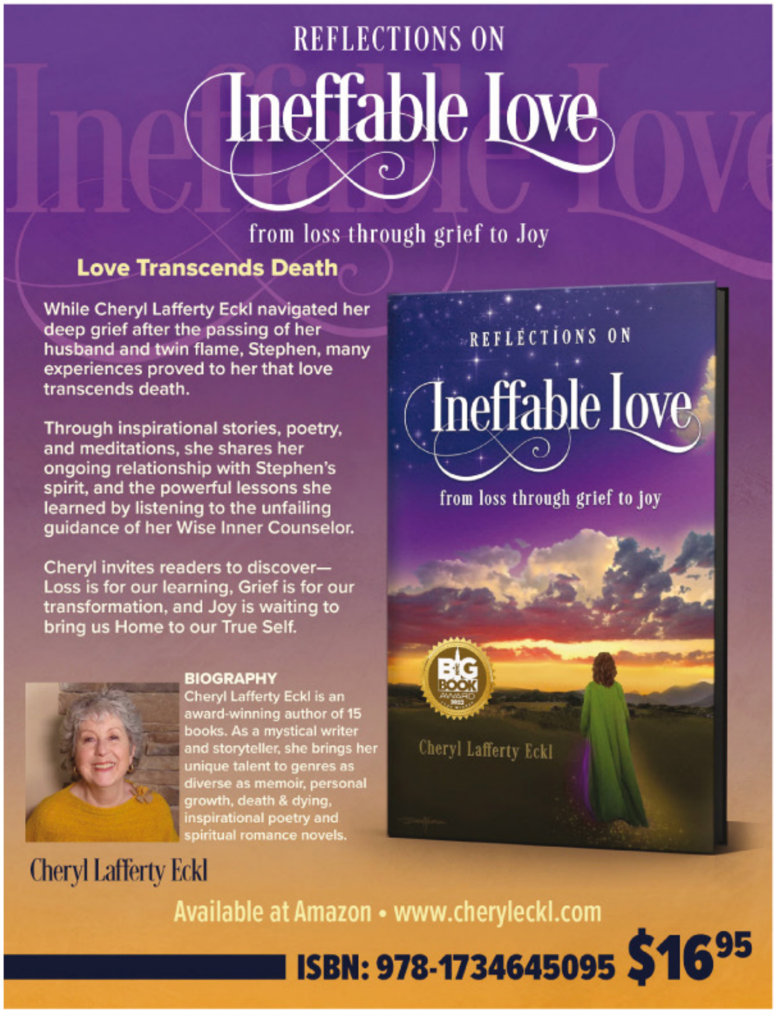
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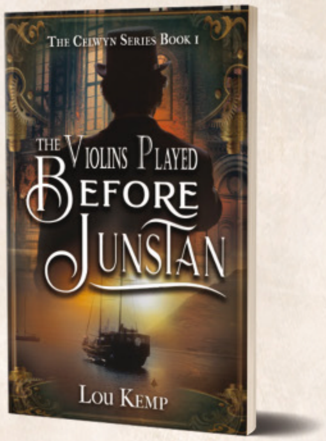

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Mark Atley
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Too Late to Say Goodbye

Grief is a bitch.

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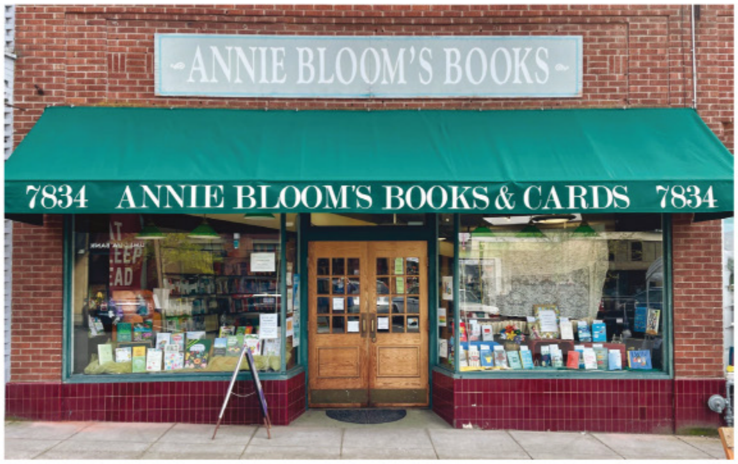

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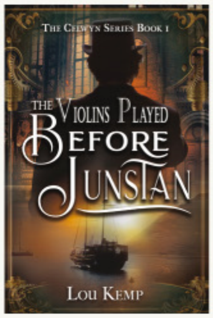
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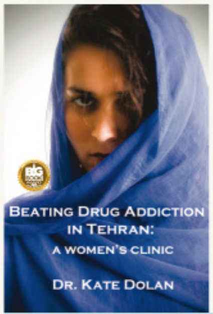
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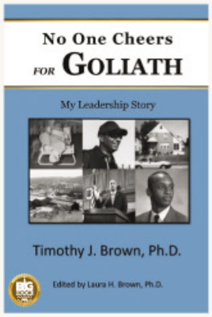
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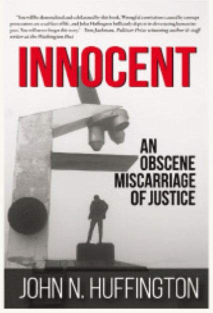
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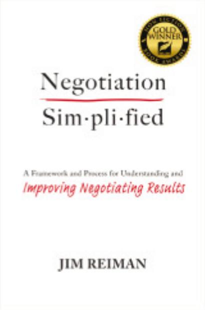
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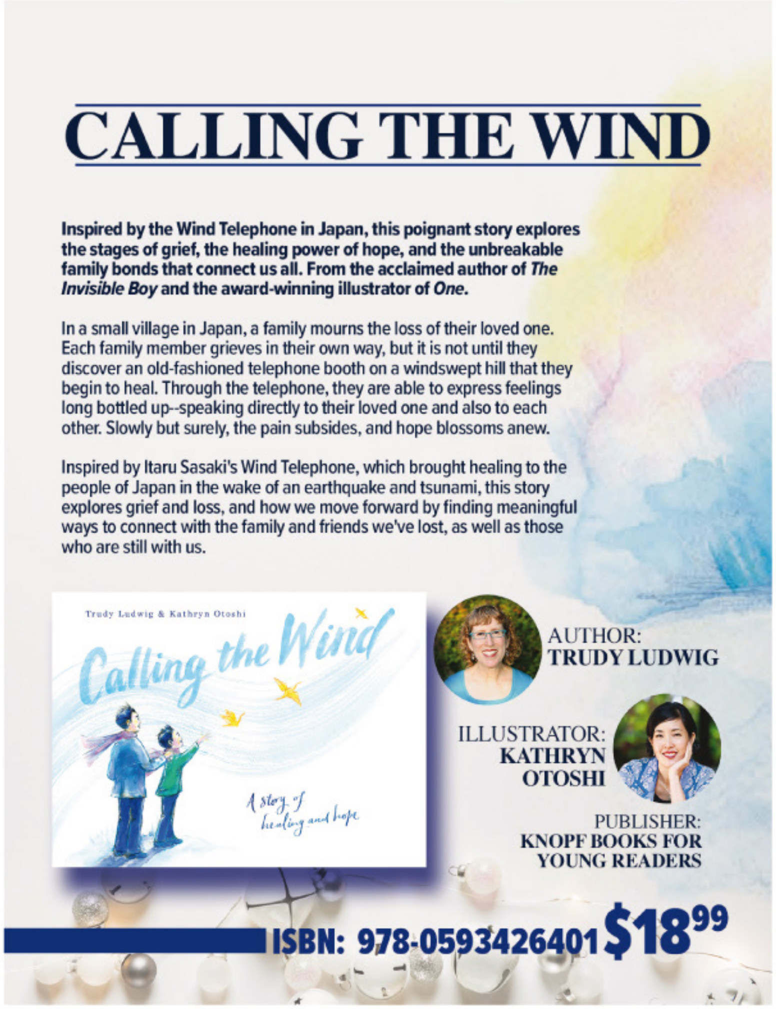

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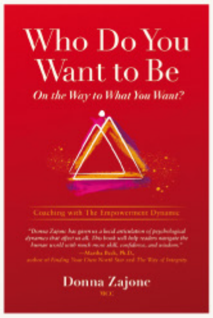

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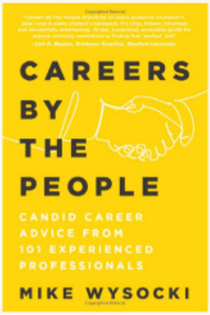

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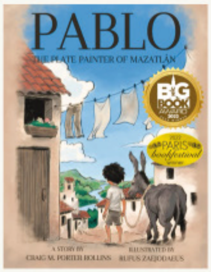

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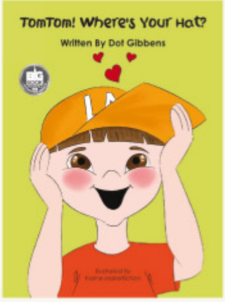

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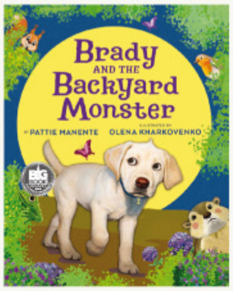

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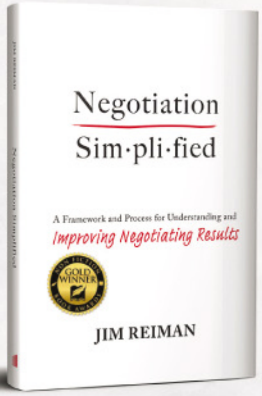

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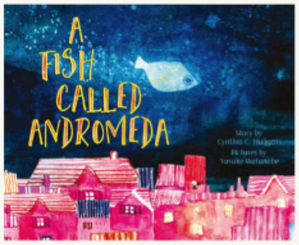
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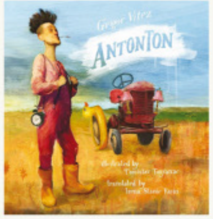
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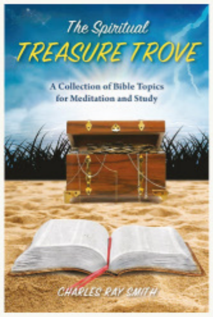
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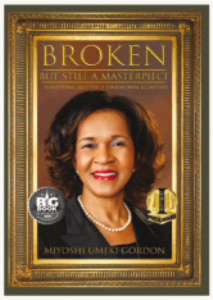
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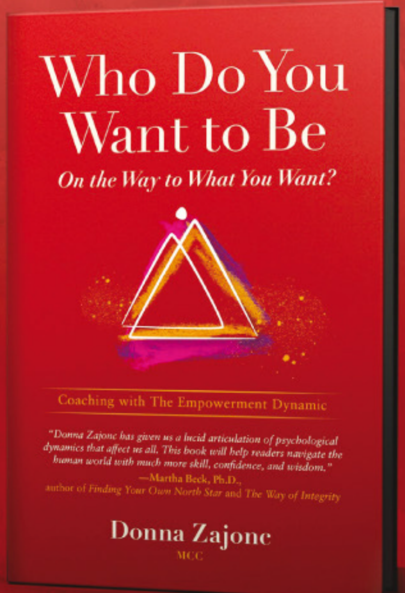
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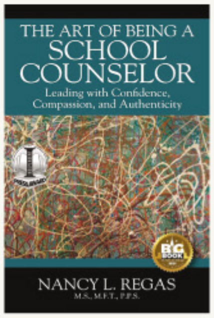
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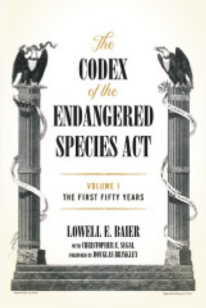

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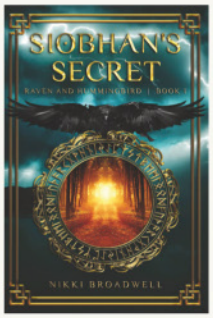

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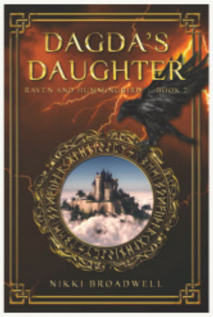

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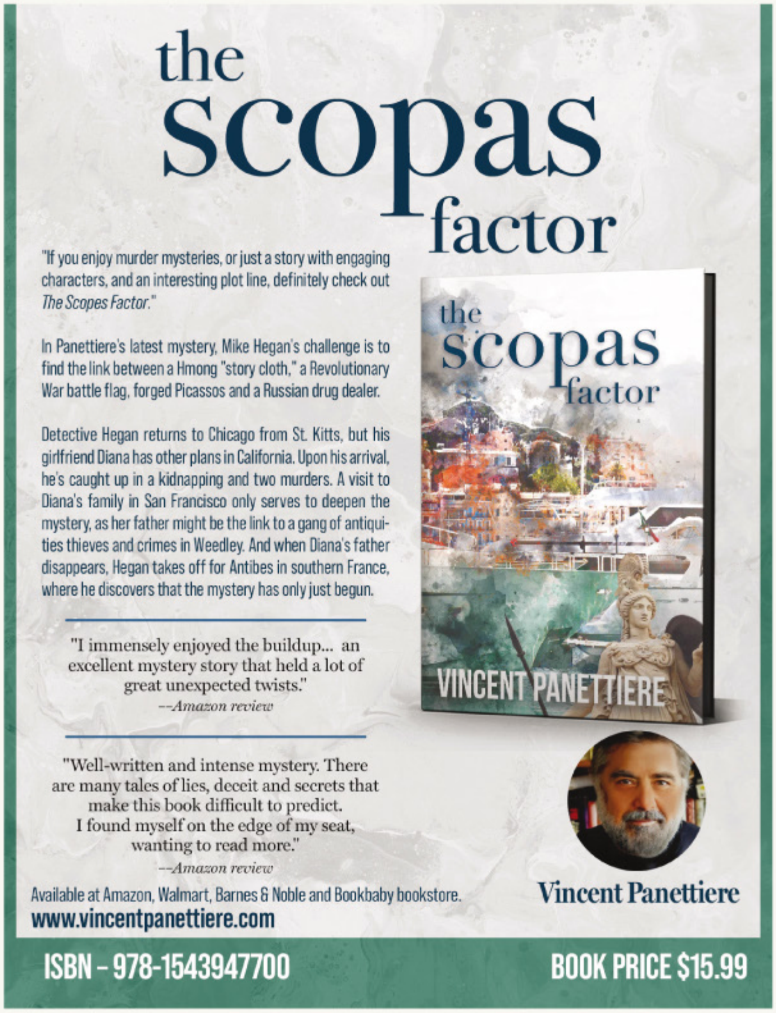

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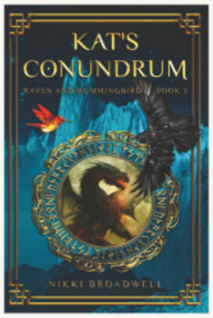

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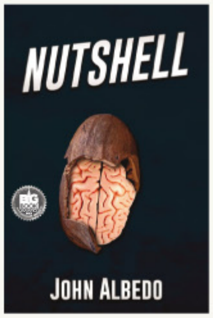

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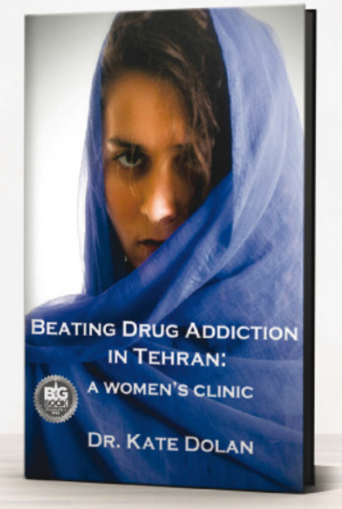

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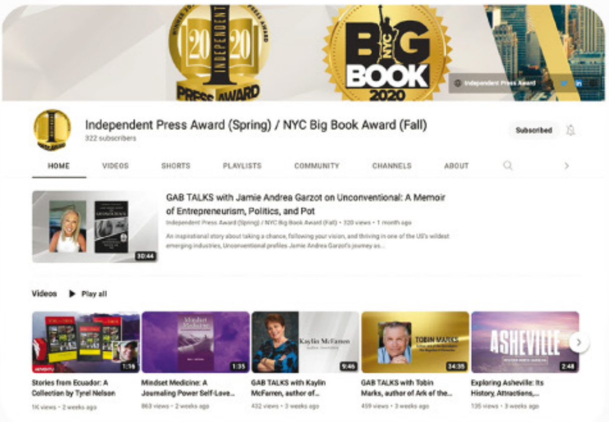

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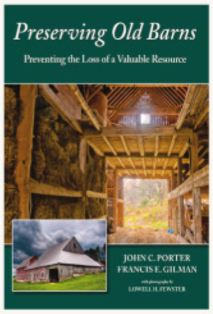

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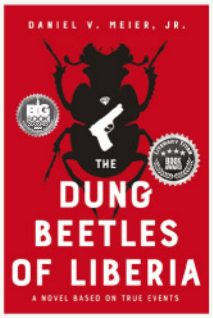

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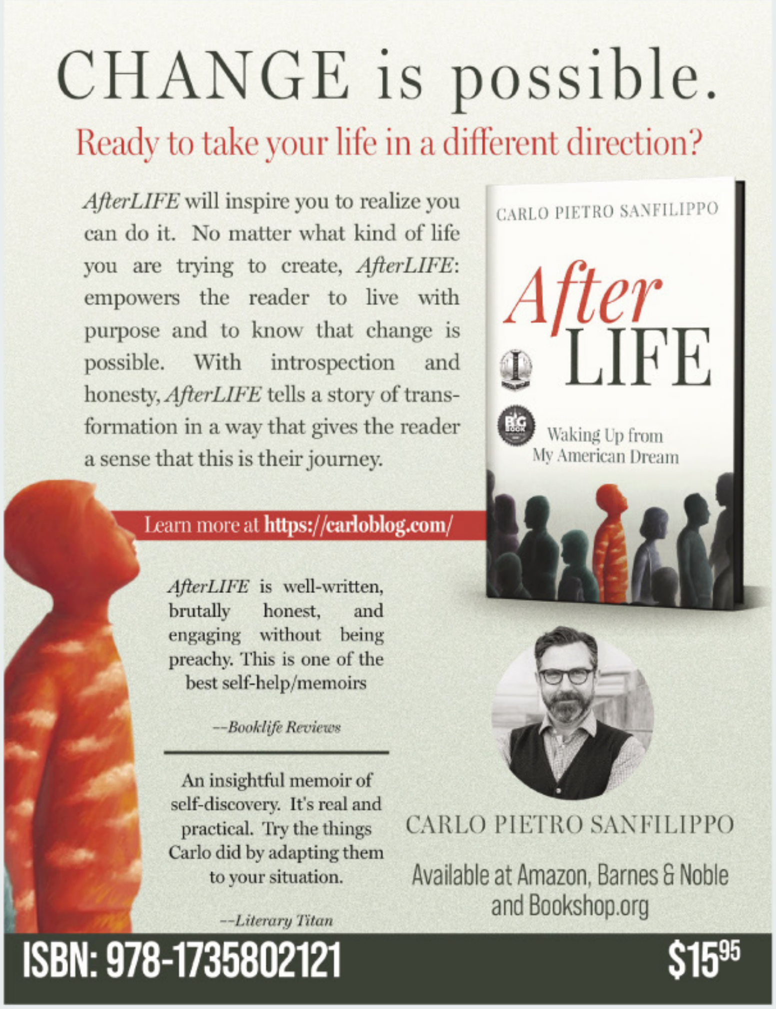
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Dr. Timothy J. Brown is the author of *No One Cheers for Goliath*, winner of the 2022 New York City, Big Book Award for African American nonfiction. Tim earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees in communication studies from Westchester University. He received his doctorate at Ohio University's School of Interpersonal Communications Program (now the School of Communication Studies in the Scripps College of Communication.) It was at Ohio University, where he met his wife, Laura Hamilton Brown, Ph.D. Tim is currently the Dean of Liberal Arts at Montgomery County Community College, where he oversees 15 departments encompassing the arts and humanities and social sciences. Tim's work focuses on the intersection of culture, communication and identity. He has made over 80 presentations, has co authored several textbooks, and is a national motivational speaker and workshop presenter on leadership skills.

No One Cheers for Goliath chronicles Dr. Brown's leadership journey in higher education through personal reflections, life experiences, and memories of the people and events that shaped his leadership philosophy of being a servant-leader. Dr. Brown's servant-leadership approach is forged upon building authentic relationships and providing individuals with opportunities and support in order for them to succeed.

No One Cheers for Goliath is meant to motivate, encourage, and inspire those who lead and want to lead. Brown maintains effective leadership is a transformative process, one where the leader comes alongside others to unlock their potential in order for them to reach goals that might have otherwise seemed unobtainable.

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Gabby: Tim, in the book, you said as a leader, expect to be criticized, to be rooted against, and to be undermined no matter how effective you are.As you said, no one cheers for Goliath. Explain the quote and the reference.

Tim: One of the greatest basketball players of all time was Wilt Chamberlain. He has over 70 records in the NBA. After one of his games, when I think the team didn't do well, he said, well, you know, "no one roots for Goliath". When I thought about that quote, I thought it was a really good way to summarize what leadership is.

When you're in a leadership position, people don't see you as a person. where you're coming from, your perspective, or your feelings. A lot of times people will root against you or try to work against you as a leader because of their own self-interest.

Gabby: What are the most important traits of an effective leader?

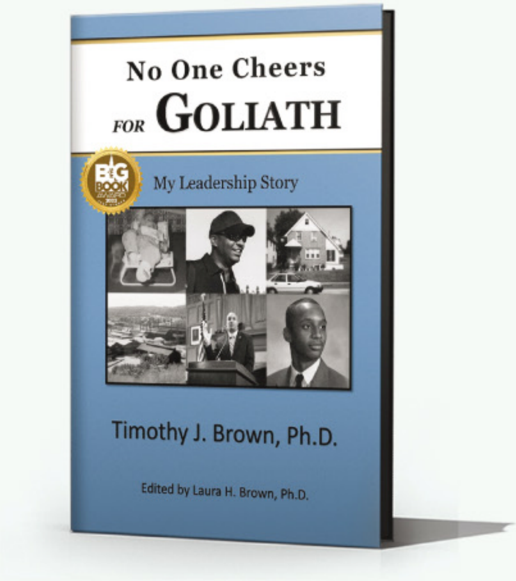
Tim: If you listen to people, they actually know what they need to do and they might even have some ideas. You might help them put that plan together. If you listen to people that helps them understand where they need to go. Listening, it's not a passive process. You ask questions, you have follow ups, you work through scenarios with them, and sometimes you let people sit on that.

Gabby: You speak about Frederick Douglass, a giant in social reform. He said, "if there is no struggle, there is no progress". Why is it important for a leader to remember that?

Tim: The most important thing is to realize is that it's not just happening to us, but it also happens to folks around us. If we can be conscious of that, we can be a lot more empathetic to the folks that we work with.

Gabby: You quote your mom, "You can't make people do right".

Tim: It's an important lesson because even though we might have good intentions, whether a leader or not, and you may be helping people or working with people, you can only show people the way. The other person has to be able to do the right thing.



Gabby: What do you want our listeners and readers to get out of reading *No One Cheers for Goliath*?

Tim: We're all leaders in different ways. Whether it's in our homes, whether it's in the clubs or social groups that we're in, we all take a leadership position in some way.

We all have a role to play in helping other folks. I did a lot of things that would not have been possible if I wasn't given that opportunity. If you help someone else, think how you're also unlocking their potential and the impact that they can have.

We need good people in these roles to be able to lead right people in an ethical way.

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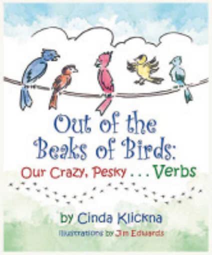
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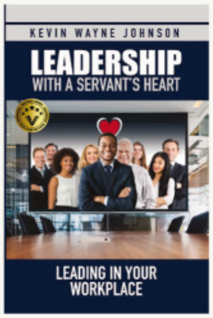

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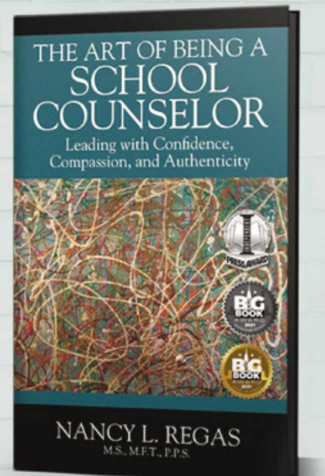

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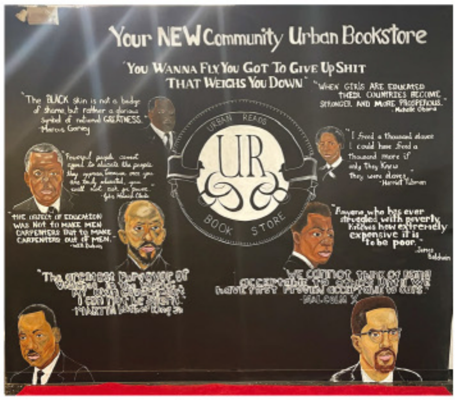
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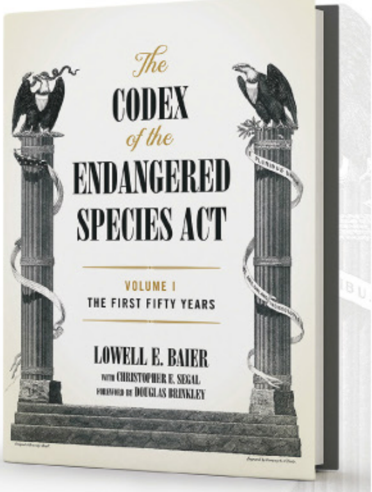
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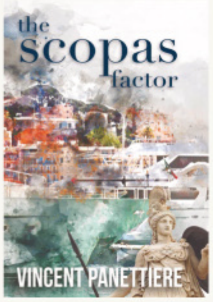

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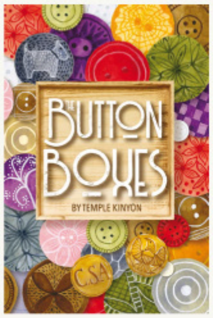

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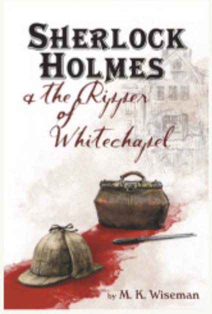

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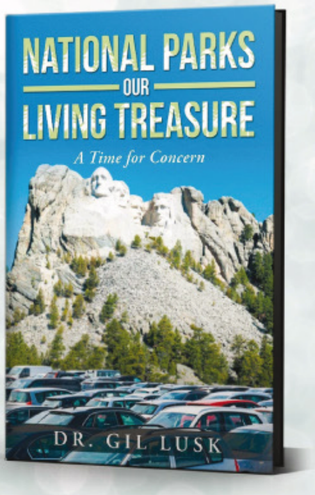

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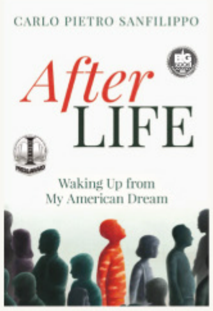

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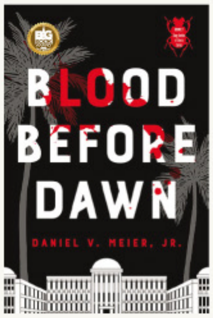

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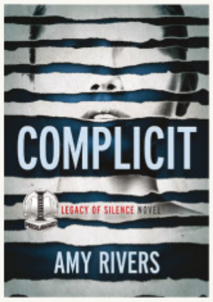

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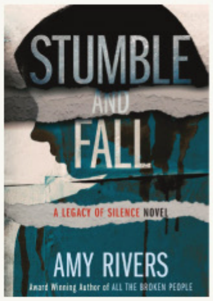

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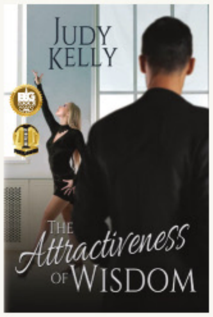

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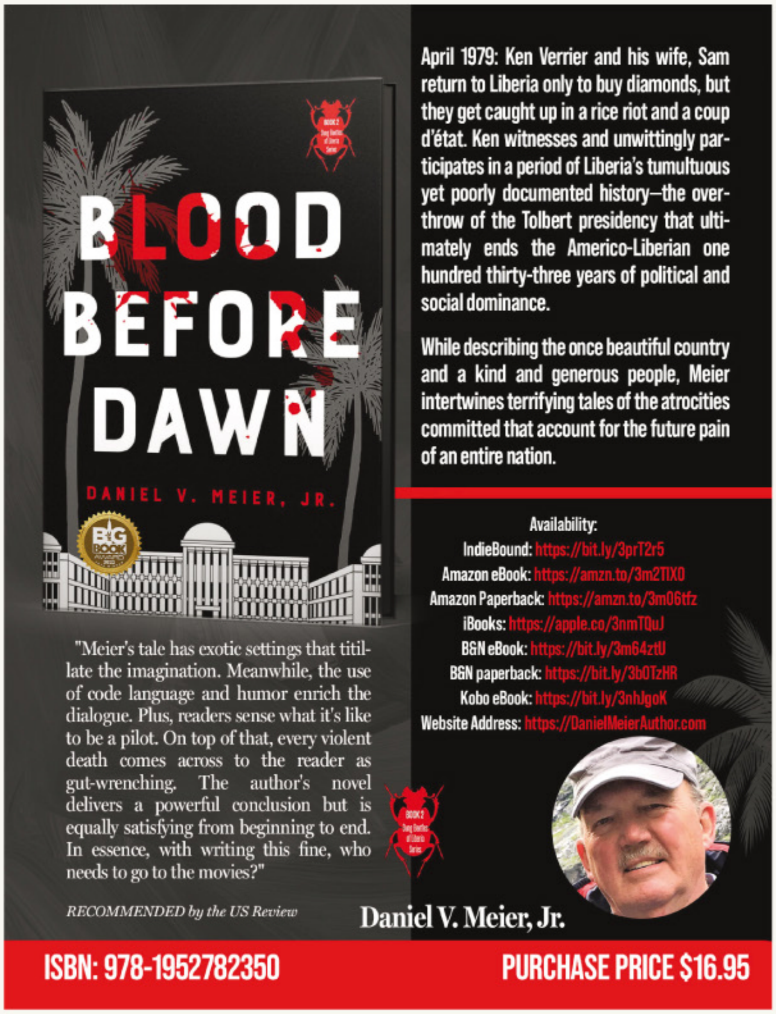

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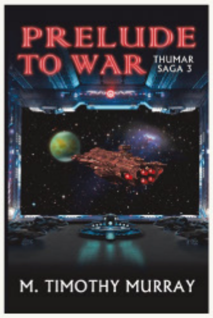

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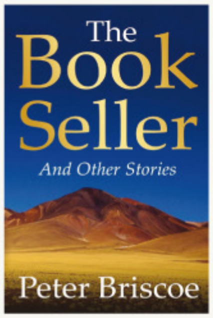

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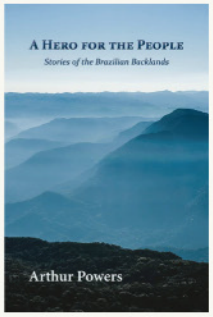

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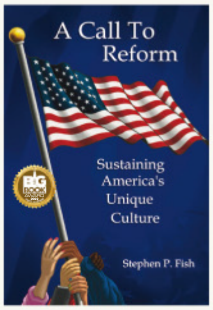

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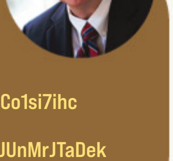

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